Setting up of Directorate-General of Anti-Dumping

*79. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to set up an independent Directorate-General of Anti-Dumping;

(b) if so, the details thereof including its constitution, functioning etc;

(c) whether it is being done at the instance of international community to look after their interests; and

(d) if so, the details of its constitution and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEDGE): (a) The Government has already set up the Directorate General of Anti-Dumping & Allied Duties under the Ministry of Commerce with effect from 13.4.98.

(b) The Directorate General is headed by an Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Commerce as the Designated Authority and is to be assisted by two Deputy Secretary/Director level officers and other supporting staff. Under the anti-dumping laws, the Designated Authority passes orders as an independent authority and its orders are liable to appeal in the Customs, Excise and Gold (Control) Appellate Tribunal (CEGAT).

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The Directorate General has been created to further-expedite relief to the domestic industry from the impact of dumped goods and to institutionalize the system.

Decline in Exports

*80. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been considerable decline in exports to other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years in terms of foreign exchange earned;

(c) the reasons for decline and the items which have shown downward trend; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to increase the exports?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEDGE): (a) to (d) India's exports to other countries have not declined in the recent years. According to the provisional data available from DGCI&S, Indian exports to other countries grew by 21.4% during 1995-96, by 4.01% during 1996-97 and by 2.64% in 1997-98 in dollar terms. In rupee terms the exports grew by 29.3% in 1995-96 by 10.39% in 1996-97 and by 7.45% in 1997-98.

The details regarding value of exports from 1995-96 to 1997-98 in Rupee terms and in Dollar terms as per the DGCI&S provisional data are given below :-

Year	Exports	
	US $ million	Rs. Crores
1995-96	31831	106465
1996-97	33106	117525
1997-98	33980	126286

Export performance is influenced inter-alia by international market conditions, export competitiveness of domestic industry, supporting infrastructure facilities, policy framework etc. During 1997-98 exports were affected due to a general slow down in world trade and especially the recession in many countries in South East Asia including Japan, supply side constraints in some sectors, slow erosion of competitiveness and slow industrial growth.

According to the available data from DGCI&S for April-Feb 1997-98 the principal commodities which have shown downward trend are agri and allied products, ores and minerals, leather and manufacturers, sports goods, electronic goods (hardware), carpets, cotton raw including waste and petroleum products.

Export Promotions Measures are continuously being taken by Government through changes in policies and procedures for providing export friendly environment,

involvement of States in export Promotion and consultation with trade and industry. Some of the recent steps taken in this regard include modification in DEPB rates, announcing of DEPB rates for about 300 new export items, preparing a medium term and export strategy for growth of exports, launching of Focus LAC Scheme and strengthening incentive schemes and automacity in policy and procedures.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड में अधिशेष कर्मचारी

424. श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया:
श्री बरजिन्दर सिंह:

क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड की दो सहायक इकाइयों अर्थात् ईस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड और भारत कोकिंग कोल लिमिटेड में कार्यरत कतिपय कर्मचारियों की स्वैच्छिक सेवानिवृत्ति योजना के अंतर्गत सेवानिवृत्ति के लिए 80 करोड़ रूपए की धनराशि का आवंटन किया गया है;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो तत्संबंधी तथ्य क्या है;

(ग) क्या कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड की समस्त इकाइयों में स्वीकृत संख्या से अधिक कर्मचारी हैं; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इन अतिरिक्त कर्मचारियों की संख्या कितनी है और इन अतिरिक्त कर्मचारियों पर प्रति-वर्ष कुल कितनी राशि खर्च की जाती है?

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री दिलीप राय): (क) जी, हां। कोल इंडिया लि. की दो सहायक कंपनियों नामत: भा.को.को.लि. और ई.को.लि. में सेवानिवृत्ति अधिशेष कामगारों के लिए स्वैच्छिक सेवानिवृत्ति योजना (वी.आर.एस.) के कार्यन्वयन हेतु 1997-98 के दौरान सरकार द्वारा 80 करोड रु॰ की धनराशि स्वीकृत की गई है।

(ख) उपर्युक्त प्रश्न (क) के उत्तर को देखते हुए प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता है।

(ग) और (घ) कोल इंडिया लि. द्वारा जैसाकि सूचित किया गया है, तीन सहायक कंपनियों नामत: ई.को.लि., भा.को.को.लि. और से.को.लि. में कुछ अधिशेष कर्मचारी है। वर्ष 1998-99 हेतु इन तीन कंपनियों में अधिशेष कर्मचारियों की संख्याओं का पता लगाने के लिए एक कार्रवाई शुरू की गई है। इन अधिशेष कर्मचारियों पर वार्षिक रूप से 99.36 करोड रु॰ की राशि व्यय किए जाने का हिसाब लगाया गया है। अन्य सहायक कंपनियों में भी अधिशेष श्रमशक्ति को विनिर्दिष्ट करने की कार्रवाई प्रगति पर है।

Scam by Coal Mafia

425. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any communication from Sampuran Kranti Morcha, Bihar alleging scam worth crores of rupees under the garb of employment to ex-servicemen through coal distribution by 10-15 forged Companies of Ex-Servicemen headed by Coal Mafia;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have conducted any enquiry into the matter;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action so far taken in this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Insurance fund for short supply of coal

426. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from any State Government or State Electricity Board to establish an Insurance Fund to cover the loss of revenue incurred by State Electricity Board for short supply of coal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) and (b) According to the information received from Ministry of Power, no representation from any State Government or State Electricity Board to establish an insurance fund to cover the loss of revenue incurred by SEB for short supply of coal has been received.

(c) Does not arise in view of the answer to parts (a) & (b).